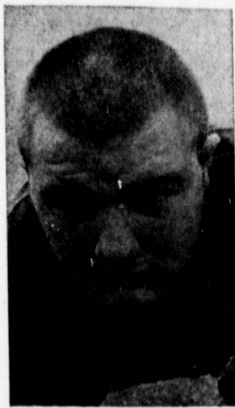


# Stunned El Camino Will Attempt Comeback



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Overconfidence, the old athletic bugaboo, struck again last weekend and turned what would have been an epic junior college football clash into just another game.

Badly underrated San Diego City College came up with the key plays Saturday night to shock previously unbeaten El Camino and tarnish the Warrior's meeting with still undefeated Bakersfield this weekend.

El Camino carried four straight wins into the encounter along with a high national ranking, but must now be rated as a decided underdog against the hosting Renegades.

Tabbed as the nation's number one grid machine, Bakersfield has rambled to a 5-0 record and currently is on top of the Metropolitan Conference standings.

While Camino would have been shooting for a Junior Rose Bowl berth if it had gotten by San Diego, it must now settle for a major upset and a crack at the Metro crown.

Bakersfield will throw a pro-style offense against ECC with Ricky Swan, Bobby Kahana and Jerry Frith directing. Coach Ray Newman, who has compiled a

39-4-1 mark in four years at Bakersfield, centers his attack around George Mendiburu, a pile-driving fullback, and end Dave Wetzell, an ex-Marine who will bring an impressive pass receiving record into the game.

The "Big Red" defense will be led by linebackers Bob Charlton and Dallas Grider, tackles Bill Higdon and Spain Musgrove and secondary man Jim Ebling, a 1962-all-conference selection.

With Swan, Frith and Kahana sharing the quarterbacking duties and Mandiburu rushing for an average of six yards per carry, the 'Gades boast one of the nation's fiercest offensive arsenals. Mendiburu was the third leading rusher on the team last year with a 5.3 norm.

Saturday's game could re-ignite a few memories of last year's contest in which Bakersfield picked up a 32-12 decision.

Behind the passing of John Torok and the rushes of Bill Kelley and Jim Allison, ECC stunned the high-rated Renegades by carrying a 12-0 lead into the second quarter of play.

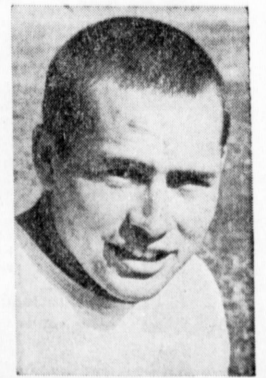
Huge fullback Art Robinson then began a three touchdown splurge which carried Bakersfield to one of its greatest comebacks in history. Bakersfield managed a 14-12 lead at intermission after Robinson tallied his second TD and kicked the conversion.

Runs by Robinson, Mendiburu, and Kahana gave the perennial champs all the go-power they needed in the second half as the famed wide-open 'Gade offense literally buried the shorthanded Warrior defense.

Even the pre-game story is almost identical. Last year, both club's were unbeaten and El Camino almost made it this time around.

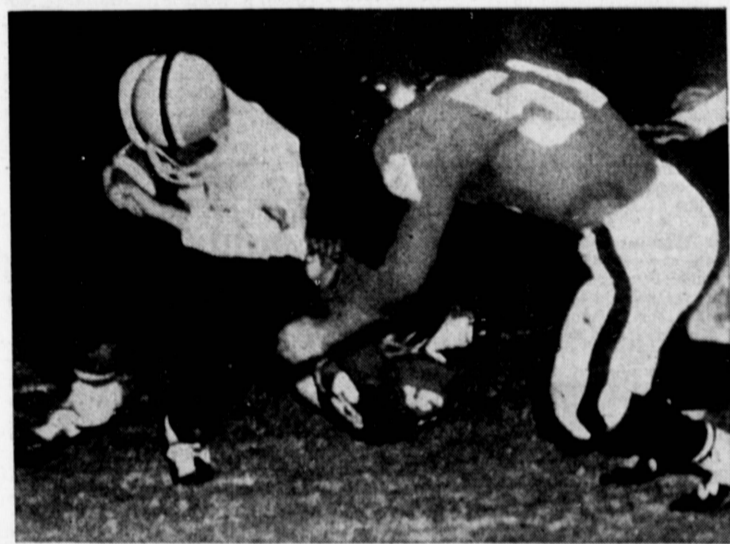
Bakersfield is currently one of two teams still very much in the race for a JRB invitation. Orange Coast kept its hopes alive last week by pasting Mount San Antonio College.

Revenge-minded San Diego was only too happy to put the brakes on El Camino's Junior Rose Bowl express last weekend. Smarting from two straight conference defeats and a 14-0 loss to Camino last season.



RICK COOPER  
Defensive Bulwark

# Cross-Town Foes Begin Rivalry



NO ESCAPE . . . Banning High defender Dwight Wilson (51) leans in to halt Carson seatback Larry Crabtree during a recent meeting between the two opponents. Crabtree intercepted two passes, one which set up a Carson touchdown, as the Colts came within a whisker of knocking off the Marine League leaders. Banning is currently deadlocked for the top spot with Jordan. (Herald Photo)

## UPSET IN VIEW

### Colts Meet With Gardena In Marine League Struggle

Upset-minded Carson High will tangle with a Marine League foe tomorrow afternoon that is fed up with surprise football endings.

Gardena, staggering after a 6-0 setback by Banning last week, will host the first-year Colts at 2:30 p.m. to initiate the third round of league action.

Ranked as the number four team in the City prior to last weekend, the defending league co-champions were rolling along with four straight triumphs before Banning hove into view.

Winner of only one game in four previous starts, Banning scored on a short toss from Ed Escandon to Willie Fox in the opening period before 12,000 spectators and

hung on for the win.

The Mohicans went down to the Banning two-yard line before being stopped and also repulsed a potential Pirate score on their own three-yard stripe.

Carson is listed in the records as the first Banning win of the year, but it was not much of a triumph for the Pilots. Performing in their first season, the Colts shook Banning with an early-game lead and only dropped a 26-13 duke.

Current Pioneer League leader Lennox has been the only team to fall to Carson although Colt mentor Gene Vollnogle feels his club should have beaten four of the other five teams it has met.

Tailback Mike Turner and

fullback Mike McMahon, brother of USC's Rich McMahon, are the main causes for Vollnogle's comment. Turner ran wild against Banning, scoring all 14 points, and McMahon scored the Colt's only TD in last week's 19-6 loss to Jordan.

Jordan is tied with Banning for the Marine lead but the Bulldogs had their hands full with Carson. Two Colt miscues provided the winning margin.

A fumbled punt and a mix-up in signals that allowed a 50-yard run on a quarterback sneak hampered Carson. The Colts also advanced down to the Jordan five-yard line late in the first half before a fumble stopped the drive.

Vollnogle lamented after the Jordan loss, "We are just not playing 48 minutes at a time. We let down."

## Tartars Host West Eleven

Cross-town football warfare will erupt again tomorrow night when crippled West and winless Torrance initiate a new rivalry on the Tartar turf.

Competing in the Pioneer League for the first time, West will be taking its first crack ever at rival Torrance Unified School District pigskin squad.

### South Eyes First Win At Micohi

Two teams on opposite sides of the pigskin spectrum will meet head on tomorrow night in a Bay League tussle at Mira Costa High.

Winless South and power-packed Mira Costa will clash at 8 p.m. as the Mustangs continue their trek towards a possible league championship. Only pre-league defeats from CIF strong boys Loyola and Long Beach Poly mar the Micohi record.

South turned in its finest game of the year last week against Redondo but still went down a 12-0 defeat. Long runs and passes continued to haunt the Spartans as Redondo scored in the first and final quarters to remain in the loop title picture.

REDONDO tallied first on a three-yard plunge by Bob Fitzgerald. A 30-yard toss from Terry Nolan to John Jones set up the tally. Nolan punched over from inches out in the last period after Keith Huber ripped off 56 yards through left tackle on an inside reverse.

Scott Christianson and halfback Jerry Mann teamed to move South into scoring territory in the final period but the Spartan bid ended when three passes fell incomplete.

MIRA COSTA notched a 39-6 win over Hawthorne last week as halfback Jeff Woods scrambled for 119 yards and two touchdowns and all-league back George Hayes returned a pass interception 55 yards for six points.

A veteran of numerous grid-iron battles, downtrodden Torrance will enter the game with a worse won-lost record than West but will still be favored to open the series with a win.

WHEN WEST was just getting its feet wet in football last year, Torrance enjoyed its finest season in history, going undefeated through the circuit campaign and into the CIF playoffs.

One year makes considerable difference in high school football, and this time around the Tartars have yet to collect a victory.

WEST IS one step ahead in this area. The Warrior's own a 16-6 decision over Carson High, which is playing in its first season.

Both elevens will be missing key men but West will bear much the worse of the injury situation. First string Warrior quarterback Lindy Nuzzo was knocked out on the practice field Monday and is a doubtful starter.

TOP defensive end and offensive tackle Bill Tagert may not make an appearance due to a ripped toe. Wingback Bob Pierce is definitely out with a concussion.

Torrance left end Brian Olsen will not appear. Olsen is laid up with a bad knee that was hurt two weeks ago and aggravated in last week's loss to Lawndale.

REPLACEMENTS for West will include Bob Gadbois at wingback and Dennis Dodd at quarterback. Gadbois owned the starting wingback slot earlier in the season and Dodd is a newcomer to the signal-calling job.

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## 'BIG GAMES' NEXT

### North Streak Goes on Line Against Dangerous Beverly

Warming up for its biggest football encounters of the season, North High will celebrate its Homecoming tomorrow night against Beverly Hills.

Undefeated in Sky League action, the defending Bay loop champions must get by Beverly, Leuzinger and Inglewood if they are to pick up all the marbles in the new circuit.

Once-defeated Inglewood is scheduled after Beverly Hills and the unbeaten Olympians will offer North its final league opposition of the season two weeks from now. Tomorrow night, Leuzinger and Inglewood will tangle in a crucial contest.

NORTH'S MAIN worry tomorrow could well be overconfidence although the Normans have a top-notch passing duo capable of pulling an upset.

Chucker John Erdhause flipped two scoring bombs last week for Beverly in a 27-14 loss to Inglewood. Erdhause and fullback Craig Huff combined on an 87-yard TD, the longest pass-run scoring play of the season by a Southland eleven.

ANOTHER ERDHAUSE toss went 25 yards to end Mike Withey, who is considered the Normans' top receiver.

Inglewood found Beverly Hills vulnerable through the airways as junior quarterback Norm Boone heaved a pair of

scoring aeriels and completed 12 of 26 passes for 245 yards.

SAXON COACH Ed Levy may have discovered the man who can take advantage of the Norman weakness. In last week's 39-6 romp over Culver City, Rudy Suarez came off the bench to uncork three TD passes and a scoring run.

Suarez replaced starter Sam Elliott in the second quarter with North trailing 6-0 and hit Dave Hubert with a 37-yard pass for the equalizer.

BEFORE THE night was over, Suarez hit Hubert with a 43-yard pass for six points,

flipped a TD shot to John Rance for 30 yards, and scored himself on a 15-yard keeper play.

In addition to his aerial touchdown, Rance racked Culver with a 28-yard pass interception return that tacked another half-dozen points on the North ledger.

PETE MOLINA accounted for the final North tally on a one-yard plunge. Bill Cunnerty connected on three conversions.

Beverly's record following the Inglewood defeat is 1-4. North manages a 3-1-1 mark.

## Crucial Meetings Await Cindermen

Successful appearances in the Mount San Antonio Invitational will be set aside by Torrance cross country teams tomorrow as they return to the rigors of league competition.

South High will have the most on the line tomorrow, traveling to Mira Costa to battle the defending Bay League champions for a possible piece of the dual meet title.

Spartan hopes were given a severe setback last week when Redondo eked out a one-point win. Mira Costa boasts a decision over Redondo and needs

only to beat South to sew up the crown.

AT MT. SAC, South finished fourth in the varsity, second in the novice and fourth in the freshman division. Wes Fox led the varsity with a seventh place finish in 10:48, followed by Dave Palmer, 9th, and Dave Ledford, 13th.

Lenny Jay set a new course record and ran the fastest novice time of the day as he toured the two-mile course in 10:48 for South. Following Jay were Bob Yanta, 9th, and Dennis Kirby, John Wheeler, 10th, Don Weber, 14th, and Steve Edmonds led the South freshman squad.

SURPRISING West High, in only its second year of competition, will host downtrodden Torrance tomorrow following an impressive performance at Mt. SAC.

West earned a fourth in the varsity among the small schools (Continued on Page 38)

## Knights Confident Despite Surprise

Shell-shocked Bishop Montgomery will attempt to step back in the winner's circle tomorrow night against St. Bernards in a Camino Real League football game.

Montgomery's hopes for a league championship were deflated last week, 41-13, by a potent Fermin Lasuen eleven that made the breaks and took immediate advantage of them.

"We gave them four touchdowns," Knight mentor George Swade explained after the game. Twice Lasuen scored on easy passes when the receiver was left standing all alone.

ON TWO other occasions, Montgomery aeriels were picked off by Padre fullback Haven Moses and returned the entire route.

"Our guys were overanxious. We just made too many mistakes," Swade emphasized. Turning to a more optimistic thought, Swade said, "We are still in the thick of the race."

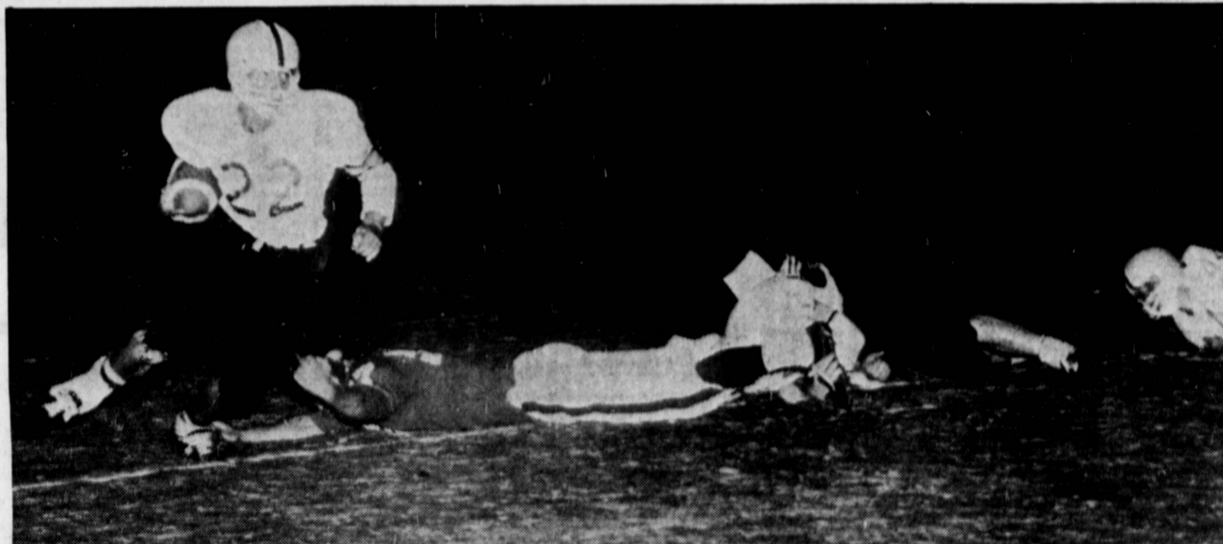
If we win our next three games we have a good chance for a CIF playoff bid."

DESPITE THE one-sided score, Montgomery was far from disgraced against Lasuen. The Knights rolled up nearly 350 yards in total offense and accounted for 152 yards through the air.

Quarterback Doug Dedeaux, in his first year as varsity signal caller, was throwing too late on the short tosses, according to Swade. "He is erratic but he should be all right tomorrow night," the Knight boss stated.

ST. BERNARDS warmed up for tomorrow's clash with a 20-7 loss to St. Monica. Although Bernards was picked to finish behind Lasuen in the league race, Swade said St. Monica deserved the win.

In the first league game of the year, Montgomery pinned a 13-7 defeat on St. Monica.



HARD TO CATCH . . . Fallen bodies lined the El Camino College turf two weeks ago when Carson High's Mike Turner (22) ran wild as he led his teammates to a near upset of current Marine League co-leader Banning. Tomorrow afternoon, Carson will meet another Banning victim, Gardena.

The Mohicans, beaten 6-0 last week, will host the 2:30 p.m. engagement. Prior to the defeat, Gardena was ranked fourth in the City while the first-year Colts, with one win to their credit, considered it a highly successful night when Banning was held to a 26-14 triumph. (Herald Photo)